

Fair Political Practices Commission
Filing Schedule for
Committees Primarily Formed to Support/Oppose State Measures
January through June 2016

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Feb 1, 2016 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 12/31/15	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this report. The January 31 deadline falls on a Sunday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.
Within 10 Business Days <i>\$5,000 Report</i>	* – 8/9/16	497	<p>Only e-filers file this report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source. Committees formed for elections other than the November 8, 2016 election continue to file within 10 business days after 8/9/16 until the 90-day election cycle period begins. No paper copy is required.
Apr 30, 2016 <i>Quarterly</i>	1/1/16 – 3/31/16	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees formed for a measure being voted upon November 8, 2016, must file quarterly reports until the pre-election period begins for that election, regardless of activity.
Within 3 Days <i>Top Ten Contributor List</i>	Ongoing	T-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees primarily formed to support or oppose a state ballot measure that raise \$1,000,000 or more and have received contributions of \$10,000 or more from a single source must file a list of their top ten contributors on Form T-10 with the FPPC within three business days or within 24 hours if meeting the threshold within 16 days before the election.
Aug 1, 2016 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	* – 6/30/16	460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All committees must file this report. The period covered is 4/1/16 – 6/30/16 if a quarterly report was filed. The July 31 deadline falls on a Sunday, so the deadline is extended to the next business day.
Within 24 Hours <i>Election Cycle Reports</i>	90 days prior to any election** <i>See notes</i>	497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File if a contribution of \$1,000 or more in the aggregate is made to a candidate or another measure being voted on in an election or made to a political party committee prior to the state primary and general elections. Note: Payments of \$5,000 or more in connection with a different state ballot measure will require filing the 496/497. Only e-filers file this report. E-file only – no paper copy is required.

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Additional Reports

- Committees making independent expenditures in connection with a candidate or another measure must file:
 - **Form 462:** A verification form must be e-mailed to the FPPC within 10 days of an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more.
 - **Form 465:** This form is due on applicable pre-election/semi-annual deadlines in connection with a candidate or another ballot measure election.
 - **Form 496:** This form is due within 24 hours when made in a 90-day period of the election. Refer to the candidate or ballot measure election filing schedule.**
- **Form E-530:** Committees that make a payment of \$50,000 or more during the 45 days prior to an election for a communication that identifies a state candidate being voted upon in the election but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate file within 48 hours. No paper copy is required.

- *** Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1 if no previous statement has been filed.
- **** 24-Hour Reports:**
 - Form 496 filed in connection with a state election must be filed through the date of the election.
 - Form 496 filed in connection with a local election must be filed through the day before the election.
 - Form 497 filed in connection with contributions made to candidates/measures and political parties must be filed through the day before the election.
- **E-filer:** A state committee that has received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more.
- **Form 460:** All state committees, including e-filers, must also file paper reports.
- **Form 496/497:** All reports filed online only.
- **Paper Filings:** All paper filings may be filed by first class mail unless otherwise noted.
- **Where to File:** State committees file reports with the Secretary of State. Only candidate controlled committees that are not e-filers file paper copies with the elections official at the candidate's county of domicile.
- **Filing Deadlines:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to any 24-hour independent expenditure reports (Form 496) or to the 24-hour contribution reports (Form 497) that are due the weekend before the election. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week and are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.

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- **Penalties:** Failure to file a statement on time subjects a committee to a fine of \$10 per day on both the paper and the e-filed version (e.g., \$20 per day for a late e-filed Form 460). Failure to file a statement could result in an enforcement penalty of \$5,000 per violation.
- **Contribution Limits:** Refer to the [contribution limit charts](#) on the FPPC website.
- **Public Documents:** All statements are public documents and subject to late penalties. Campaign manuals and instructional materials are available at www.fppc.ca.gov, click on the [Campaign](#) link.
- **Multi-Purpose Organizations (including non-profits):** Effective July 1, 2014, multi-purpose organizations making political contributions or expenditures are subject to new campaign disclosure rules. In general, an organization that uses its general dues account to make contributions or expenditures may qualify as a major donor or independent expenditure committee and report payments on Campaign Form 461. Such an organization will qualify as a recipient committee if expenditures exceed \$50,000 in a 12-month period or \$100,000 in four consecutive calendar years. An organization that qualifies as a recipient committee may need to file reports disclosing contributors. Some organizations will not need to file the year-end semi-annual report. See the [FPPC Campaign Manual 4—Chapter 15](#) for instructions.
- As of July, 2015, legislation is pending that may change the filing schedule.